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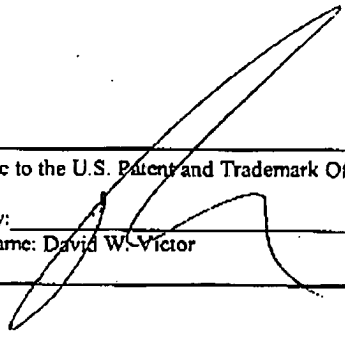
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 17, 2004, in which the Examiner allowed claims 2-38 in the above-identified application as filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.